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INCREASE IN SURRENDER OF LANDLINE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of landline telephone, mobile, broadband and internet connections surrendered by MTNL and BSNL subscribers during the last two years, till date;

(b) the details in regard to loss of revenue borne by BSNL and MTNL;

(c) the details of measures being adopted by the two corporations to safeguard their credibility in the market; and

(d) the financial status of the said companies in August, 2007?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The number of land line,mobile, broadband and internet connections surrendered by MTNL and BSNL subscribers during the last two years is given below:-

(In lakh)

Sl. No.	Item	BSNL Surrendered during 2005-06	BSNL Surrendered during 2006-07	MTNL Surrendered during 2005-06	MTNL Surrendered during 2006-07
1	Lane Line	38.15	42.63	2.53	2.44
2	Mobile	#	28.40	1.36	2.11
3	Broadband	#	#	0.02	0.34
4	Internet	#	#	0.05	0.01

Data not available.

(b) The major problem of surrender of telephones is of landline connections.The surrender of telephones is a phenomena being experienced by all Telecom Operators. While there is surrender of landline telephone, mobile,broadband and internet connections there is also addition of these connections which compensate the loss of revenue due to surrender.In view of above, it can not be said that there is a loss of revenue borne by BSNL and MTNL.

(c) The steps taken by BSNL and MTNL to improve the services for safeguarding their credibility in the market are given in Annexure – I & II.

(d) BSNL being a non-listed company, therefore the financial results are not prepared on quarterly basis.The profit of BSNL for the financial year 2006-07 is Rs. 7,806/- crores.MTNL has earned a profit of Rs. 110/- crores in the first quarter ending 30th June, 2007.